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SM-05-001.04 Telecommunications Technology Review

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PURPOSE

The State of Georgia must be able to easily, reliably and economically communicate data and information to conduct state business. A unified statewide telecommunications network forms the basic infrastructure for how state agencies conduct business with each other, other government agencies, the commercial sector and the public. The goal is to manage the delivery of telecommunication systems services and reduce the aggregate operating costs.

STANDARD

1.0 As Georgia State Government's Telecommunications

Provider, orders for telecommunication equipment or services except where noted below shall be placed and fulfilled through the Georgia Technology Authority (GTA) Telecommunications Division. This standard applies regardless of whether an agency is required to submit an Agency Project Request prior to placing any such order.

2.0 For any request, purchase, procurement or other acquisition of telecommunication equipment or services, agencies must comply with:

[Acquisition and Use of Telecommunications Services and](#) [5]

[Equipment](#) [5] issued jointly by OPB and GTA, PM-04-002

3.0 All decisions to purchase or otherwise acquire telecommunications equipment or services not addressed by the two policies cited above are at the discretion of the purchasing agency and must comply with all procurement laws, enterprise policies or standards.

In reviewing and approving requests, as well as fulfilling orders, GTA shall consider the priorities of the state, with an emphasis on making communications efficient and cost resources among agencies where feasible. To this end, GTA has created the following additional standards which apply to the acquisition of Voice Systems, Two Way Radios, Wide Area Network and Internet Connectivity.

4.0 Voice Communications

4.1 State agencies are required to use the GTA enterprise switching equipment and long distance services contract(s) for voice communication equipment and services. GTA may provide written delegation of authority for agencies to utilize these contracts without obtaining the services through GTA when GTA deems it can add no value to the receiving agency. In these instances, specific terms and conditions will be put forth in a Memorandum of Understanding between GTA and the agency receiving delegated authority.